As all services such as the Military the US Coast Guard and the Maratime services, among other countries are dropping the code requirement, it does seem that it is an archaic mode to have to learn when computer modes have taken over everything, when Im sure that there are alot of people out there that are great in electronics but doesnt want to have to mess with the code. I had to learn it also when I was first licensed but I would be in favor of dropping it.